

# *DECOMMISSIONING CEREMONY*



## *USS RENTZ (FFG 46)*

**COMMANDER**  
**LANCE C. LANTIER**  
Commanding Officer

**COMMANDER**  
**MARTIN ROBERTSON**  
Executive Officer

**COMMAND MASTER CHIEF**  
**JASEN WILLIAMS**

**09 MAY 2014**  
**Naval Station**  
**San Diego**





### **COMMISSIONING PENNANT**

**The Decommissioning Ceremony signifies the ship's retirement from active service and entry into the reserve fleet. The symbols used in today's ceremony trace their origins in antiquity.**

**Perhaps the first time the commissioning pennant was used dates back to the 17<sup>th</sup> century during a conflict between the Dutch and English. Admiral Martin Harpertoon Tomp of the Dutch fleet hoisted a broom at his masthead to indicate his intention to "sweep" the English Navy from the sea. The gesture was soon answered by British Admiral William Blake who hoisted a horse whip to indicate his intentions to chastise the Dutch. The British carried out their boast and ever since a narrow coach whip pennant, symbolizing the original horsewhip, has been the distinctive mark of a vessel of war and has been adopted by all nations.**

**The commissioning pennant, as it is called today, is blue at the hoist with a union of seven white stars and is red and white at the fly in two horizontal stripes. The pennant is flown at the main mast by vessels not carrying flag officers.**

**Today's ceremony and its participants are enacting an age-old tradition handed down over the centuries. When the commissioning pennant is finally lowered from the main mast and handed to the Commanding Officer, the ship is officially retired.**



## SHIP'S CHARACTERISTICS

Built by:	Todd Pacific Builders Corporation Los Angeles Division, San Pedro, CA
Keel Laid:	September 18, 1982
Christened:	March 6, 1983
Commissioned:	June 30, 1984 at Long Beach Naval Station, Long Beach, California
Displacement:	4,100 Tons
Length:	453 Feet
Beam:	47 Feet
Draft:	24.6 Feet (7.5 Meters)
Speed:	29+ Knots
Propulsion:	Two General Electric LM2500 Gas Turbines, two 350 Horsepower Electric Drive Auxiliary Propulsion Units
Armament:	MK 75 76MM/62 Caliber rapid Firing Gun MK 32 ASW Surface Vessel Torpedo Tubes MK 15 Close-In Weapons System
Combat Systems:	AN/SPS 49 Air Search Radar AN/SPS 55 Surface Search Radar MK 92 Fire Control System
Compliment:	22 Officers, 19 Chief Petty Officers, 123 Enlisted





**Vice Admiral Martin Mayer**  
**United States Navy (Retired)**



A native of Upper Montclair, NJ, VADM Mayer graduated from Rutgers University in May 1966 and entered the Naval Service. He was commissioned an Ensign in the Naval Reserve upon graduation from the U.S. Naval Officer Candidate School in Newport, R.I. Following his first duty assignment as a division officer onboard USS BENNINGTON (CVS 20) from May 1967 to December 1968, VADM Mayer was assigned to Coastal Squadron One, Republic of Vietnam, as officer-in-charge of PCF's 58, 40, and 63 in Danang, An Thoi, and Vung Tau, RVN respectively, where he served until February 1970. VADM Mayer then attended Rutgers University Graduate School of Business, receiving an MBA in August 1971. His next assignment was as executive officer on USS GRAPPLE (ARS 7) from October 1971 through June 1973 after which he attended the U.S. Naval Destroyer School, graduating in March 1974. Following a department head tour on USS REASONER (FF 1063) from April 1974 through May 1976, he served as a comptroller in the Bureau of Naval Personnel and as a financial analyst on the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations from June 1976 through February 1979. VADM Mayer then served as executive officer onboard USS COOK (FF 1083) from June 1979 through November 1980 and was subsequently assigned as an instructor at the Naval Amphibious School, Coronado, from April 1981 until February 1983. From March 1983 through November 1986, he served as Officer-in-Charge, RENTZ (FFG-46) and then Commissioning Commanding Officer, USS RENTZ (FF 46). VADM Mayer was then sent to Washington, DC, as Assistant Budget Officer for the Department of the Navy from December 1986 to August 1988. In August 1988, he attended the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, graduating in May 1989. From June 1989 through November 1992, he was Officer-in-Charge, CHOSIN (CG 65) then Commissioning Commanding Officer, USS CHOSIN (CG 65). From February 1993 through December 1994, VADM Mayer was assigned to the Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He then served as Commander, South Atlantic Force, United States Atlantic Fleet from January through December 1995. From January 1996 through June 1997, VADM Mayer commanded Cruiser-Destroyer Group 12 / ENTERPRISE Battle Group. From July 1997 through August 1999, he was Vice Director for Force Structure, Resources, and Assessment (J8) on the Joint Staff. In September 1999, he was stationed at U.S. Joint Forces Command in Norfolk, VA, where he served first as director for Strategy Requirements and Integration (J8) then as Deputy Commander-in Chief, US Joint Forces Command. VADM Mayer retired from the Navy in March 2003. After retirement, VADM Mayer worked in the defense industry until February 2011.

VADM Mayer is married to the former Nancy Bassler of Rochelle, IL. They reside in Fairfax, VA, and have a daughter, Jenny, who lives in Los Gatos, CA, with her husband and children.





**Commander Lance Lantier**  
**United States Navy**



Commander Lantier is a native of Lafayette, Louisiana. He began his career by enlisting in the United States Navy in 1989 under the Delayed Entry Program, graduating from the Broadened Opportunity for Officer Selection and Training (BOOST) program in San Diego in 1991. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science from the United States Naval Academy in May 1995. His operational tours include Main Propulsion Officer and Auxiliaries Officer in USS PORTLAND (LSD 37), Auxiliaries Officer in USS KLAKRING (FFG 42), Chief Engineer in USS MILIUS (DDG 69), Materiel Officer (N4) on the Destroyer Squadron TWO THREE Staff, and Executive Officer in USS RENTZ (FFG 46). He graduated Naval Postgraduate School in 2001 with a Master of Science degree in Systems Integration and completed his Joint Service education at the Joint Forces Staff College. Assignments ashore have included a tour as a Sea Strike Analyst for the Assessments Division, Chief of Naval Operations (N81), and a tour as Education Officer and Experimentation Officer for the Joint Non-Lethal Weapons Directorate, Quantico, VA. His awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal (three awards) and the Naval Achievement Medal (two awards).



# **DECOMMISSION**

*Arrival of Official Party*

*Parade The Colors*

*National Anthem*

*Post The Colors*

*Invocation*

**LCDR WAYNE TOMASEK, CHC, USN**

*Introduction of Guest Speaker*

**COMMANDER LANCE C. LANTIER**

*Remarks by Guest Speaker*

**VADM MARTIN MAYER, USN, (RETIRED)**

*Remarks and Presentation of*

*End of Tour Award to*

**COMMANDER LANCE C. LANTIER**





# ING PROGRAM

*Remarks and Reading of  
Decommissioning Directive*  
**COMMANDER LANCE C. LANTIER**

*Presentation of Gifts*

*Decommissioning*

*Benediction*  
**LCDR WAYNE TOMASEK, CHC, USN**

*Retire The Colors*

*Departure of Official Party*

*Dismissal of The Crew*

*Reception*



## Our Namesake

### Chaplain George Snavelly RENTZ



Born on July 25, 1882 in Lebanon Pennsylvania, George Snavelly Rentz, graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary, was obtained by Presbytery of Northumberland in 1909, pastured churches in Pennsylvania and New Jersey for eight years. Following entry of the United States in World War I, he was appointed acting chaplain with the rank of Lieutenant Junior Grade and assigned to the 11th regiment of marines in France until 1919. He attained the rank of Commander in 1924, among his sea duty assignment; he served in USS Florida (BB-30), USS WRIGHT (AV-1), USS WEST VIRGINIA (BB-48), and USS AUGUSTA (CA-31). In 1940, when the USS HOUSTON (CA-30) relieved AUGUSTA as flagship of the Asiatic Fleet, Commander Rentz

transferred to the new arrival. It was aboard this cruiser he served so devotedly and enthusiastically, providing the ship's crew and officers with great hope and promise. During an allied attack on February 4, 1942, HOUSTON was under severe air attack. Commander Rentz spurned cover and circulated among the crew of the anti-aircraft battery, encouraging them, it was noted by an officer that the crew members at the guns "saw this man of god walking fearlessly among them, they no longer felt alone." In the Flores Sea, during the attack HOUSTON took a direct hit that disabled turret III and killed 48 men. Less than a month later HOUSTON was in a the battle of Java Sea with the Australian light cruiser HMAS PERTH. Both ships were outnumbered by a Japanese troop convoy but they persisted in an ensuring melee of fire, causing such confusion as to have a Japanese destroyer fire a spread of torpedoes that passed the allied cruisers and caused four Japanese troopships close inshore to sink. All in all, the involvement was no match for the wounded PERTH and HOUSTON, the Japanese attack on these two cruisers caused them to sink; but they went down fighting to the last second.

It was during the abandonment of HOUSTON that Commander Rentz entered the water and attained partial safety along with the other crew members on a spare main float of the HOUSTON's lost planes. Aware of the extreme overcrowding and dangerous overloading, he attempted to relinquish his space and his lifejacket to wounded survivors nearby, declaring "You men are young, I have lived the major part of my life and I am willing to go," no one would oblige the generous, fearless chaplain. After several attempts of leaving and being brought back by his shipmates, he uplifted them with prayers and songs until, ultimately, he succeeded in placing his lifejacket near a wounded sailor who did not have one, and Commander Rentz courageously slipped away into the sea on the morning of March 1, 1942. For his selfless bravery following the loss of HOUSTON in Sunda Strait the night, he was awarded posthumously, the Navy Cross – the only Navy Chaplain to be so honored during World War II.





## OUR SHIELD

The colors blue and gold are traditionally associated with the U.S. Navy. The vertical trident represents the sea god Neptune. The crossed missiles indicate the type of ship "Frigate with Guided Missiles." The cross on the shield symbolizes the ship's namesake, Chaplain Rentz. The motto "Dread Nought" tells all to have no fear for the ship is watched over by higher powers.



## HISTORY OF USS RENTZ (FFG 46)

USS RENTZ (FFG 46) is the 40th Oliver Hazard Perry-class of guided missile frigates. The RENTZ was laid down on 18 September 1982 at Todd Pacific Shipyards in San Pedro, California. She was launched 16 July 1983 and commissioned at Naval Station Long Beach on 30 June 1984 with CDR Martin Jules Mayer as the commanding officer. In December 1985, RENTZ moved from Long Beach, California to San Diego. Following initial shakedown cruises and operations, it was assigned to the USS RANGER Battle Group. In November 1986, RENTZ was part of an historic visit to Qingdao, the first US Naval visit to China since 1949. In July 1987, RENTZ deployed to the Arabian Gulf in support of Operation Earnest Will, and spent over three months escorting commercial tankers in the Gulf and through the Strait of Hormuz. After this deployment, RENTZ had a regular pattern of deploying to the Arabian Gulf for a number of years. In August 1991, the guided missile frigate had a port visit in Hong Kong. In October 1991, RENTZ participated the Parade of Ships, part of San Diego's Accolades '91 celebration honoring local military units and installations. In September 2003, RENTZ participated in a counter-narcotics operation and offloaded almost 14,000 pounds of cocaine at Naval Station Mayport. In December 2003, RENTZ returned to Naval Station San Diego after a scheduled deployment in the South eastern Pacific in support of the war on drugs. In June 2005, RENTZ arrived in Portland for Fleet Week during the 97th annual Portland Rose Festival. Later in June, RENTZ rescued 90 Ecuadorian citizens from a distressed vessel in the Eastern Pacific and dropped them off at Puerto Quetzal, Guatemala. In June 2006, RENTZ pulled to Portland, Oregon to participate in their Rose Festival's Fleet Week. In May 2007, RENTZ returned to San Diego after completing a six-month deployment to the western Pacific Ocean and Philippine Sea. The guided missile frigate supported the Global War on Terrorism, Operation Enduring Freedom Philippines (OEF-P), and Operation Ultimatum while assigned to Combined Joint Task Force (CJTF) 515. In July, RENTZ arrived in the Port of Seattle for Seafair 2007 "Fleet Week" festivities. In July 2009, RENTZ departed homeport as part of USS NIMITZ (CVN 68) CSG. In August, RENTZ participated in the Undersea Warfare Exercise (USWEX 09). In October 2009, RENTZ participated in joint training exercise Bright Star 2009, off the coast of Egypt. In November, RENTZ responded to a stress call from Motor Vessel Adnan Wahd, which was taking on water while at sea in the Central Arabian Gulf. In March 2010, RENTZ returned to Naval Base San Diego after an eight-month deployment. December 8, RENTZ was off the coast of Southern California as part of simulated opposition forces to the USS CARL VINSON (CVN 70) CSG Composite Training Unit Exercise (COMPTUEX). In May 2011, RENTZ departed San Diego for a scheduled deployment in support of counter-illicit trafficking in the U.S. Southern Command Area of Operations. In September 2011, RENTZ pulled into Puntarenas, Costa Rica, for a port call to deliver five Costa Rican and one Nicaraguan detainee. In November 2011, RENTZ returned to homeport after six-and-a-half month deployment.



On August 10, 2013, U.S. Navy aircraft spotted a suspicious fishing vessel approximately 260 miles north of the Galapagos Islands. RENTZ intercepted the vessel and a U.S. Coast Guard LEDET 104 boarding team and RENTZ crew members boarded the vessel and discovered 963 kilograms of cocaine in the fish hold. The contraband was seized and four suspected smugglers were taken into custody. During its deployment, RENTZ also transited through the Panama Canal for a port visit to Cartagena, Colombia and to participate in the multi-national exercise UNITAS 54-13 from September 7-15, 2013. UNITAS, Latin for "unity," is a combined South American and U.S. sponsored annual exercise series that incorporates several North and South American nations and fosters friendly, mutual cooperation and understanding between participating navies. On November 30, 2013, the Coast Guard Cutter RUSH and LEDET 401 aboard the RENTZ teamed up to seize 460 kilograms and detain three suspected smugglers from a Costa Rican fishing boat approximately 50 miles South of Isla de Cohiba, Panama. The vessel had been spotted by a Navy aircraft and cocaine was discovered hidden in fishing buoys on the boat. December 17, 2013, U.S. Coast Guard LEDET 401 aboard RENTZ seized approximately 313 kilograms and detained three suspected smugglers from a fleeing Ecuadoran vessel 240 miles northeast of the Galapagos Islands. The suspected smuggler boat was stopped by airborne marksman shooting out their engines. On January 20, 2014, U.S. Coast Guard C-130 aircraft spotted a suspicious vessel and coordinated with RENTZ to intercept it. Coast Guard LEDET 406 and the RENTZ seized 243 kilograms and detained three suspects who stopped their boat after a Coast Guard marksman aboard one of the RENTZ' helicopters fired warning shots. "The reach and impact of our law enforcement teams is greatly expanded by our partnerships with the U.S. Navy, other agencies and nations in the region," said Rear Admiral Karl Schultz, commander of the 11th Coast Guard District. "The cartels, or transnational criminal organizations behind this smuggling, are engaged in wide-ranging illegal activities, destabilize the regions in which they operate, and engage in brutal and ruthless violence to further their criminal activities. They threaten the security of our homeland and we need to aggressively thwart their smuggling operations. Every shipment stopped denies these criminal organizations the funds and resources they need to perpetuate their violent, destructive practices," he said. Overall coordination of counter narcotics patrols and surveillance in the Eastern Pacific region is done by an interagency joint task force based in Florida. U.S. law enforcement and the interdiction phase of operations occur under the tactical control and authority of the 11th Coast Guard District headquartered in Alameda, California. During RENTZ final deployment, 4,998 kg of cocaine valued at \$116 Million was seized and/or disrupted with nine successful intercepts.





<u>Dates</u>	<u>of</u>	<u>Command</u>	<u>Commanding Officer</u>
30 JUN 1984	—	22 NOV 1986	CDR Martin J. Mayer
22 NOV 1986	—	15 DEC 1988	CDR James A. Hooper IV
15 DEC 1988	—	19 DEC 1990	CDR Kenneth S. Jordan
19 DEC 1990	—	24 JUL 1992	CDR Daniel E. Busch
24 JUL 1992	—	06 MAY 1994	CDR Bruce T. Van Belle
06 MAY 1994	—	12 JUL 1995	CDR Robert E. Johnston
12 JUL 1995	—	10 JUN 1997	CDR Gregory J. Allen
10 JUN 1997	—	06 JUN 1998	CDR John B. Sturges III
06 JUN 1998	—	10 DEC 2000	CDR Benjamin F. Roper
10 DEC 2000	—	29 JUN 2001	CDR Michael R. Mara
29 JUN. 2001	—	07 FEB 2003	CDR Thomas R. Beall
07 FEB 2003	—	09 JUL 2004	CDR Jeffrey D. Frederick
09 JUL 2004	—	28 APR 2006	CDR Dominic DeScisciolo
28 APR. 2006	—	04 APR 2008	CDR Mark E. Johnson
04 APR. 2008	—	13 NOV 2009	CDR David T. Glenister
13 NOV 2009	—	20 APR 2011	CDR Jeffrey A. Miller
20 APR 2011	—	19 OCT 2012	CDR Michael F. Davis
19OCT 2012	—	23 MAY 2014	CDR Lance C. Lantier

30 YEARS OF SERVICE  
30 JUNE 1984 — 23 MAY 2014





*EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
CHIEF ENGINEER  
SUPPLY OFFICER  
OPERATIONS OFFICER  
COMBAT SYSTEMS OFFICER  
NAVIGATION OFFICER  
ORDNANCE OFFICER  
DAMAGE CONTROL ASSISTANT  
AUXILIARIES OFFICER  
ELECTRICAL OFFICER  
GUNNERY OFFICER  
DISBURSING OFFICER*

*CDR MARTIN ROBERTSON  
LT CHRISTOPHER SEIVERS  
LT STEPHEN MANNILA  
LT JUSTIN GOLSON  
ENS CRAIG STOMMEL  
LT WILLIAM BRIGHT  
ENS JOHN BALDWIN  
LTJG DAVID MELENDEZ  
LTJG ASHLEY VALANZOLA  
LTJG MISTY WEBSTER  
LTJG JOSEPH HOFF  
LTJG LORENZO GARNER*



*CMDCM(SW/AW) JASEN WILLIAMS*

*LSC(SW) MARLON ROBINSON  
3MC(SW/AW) SAMUEL GAITAN  
HMC(SW/FMF) JORGE ACOSTA  
OSC(SW/AW) WAYNE BABAUTA  
ITCS(SW/IDW) JEFFREY GARRY  
YNC(SW/IDW) GLENN SIMMONS  
GSMC(SW) DANIEL CARRILLOVASQUEZ*

*STGCS(SW) JEFFREY HINES  
GMC(SW) MICHAEL STEAD  
DCC(SW) JUAN JAUREQUI  
ENC(SW) JOHN LYLES  
BMC(SW/EXW) CARL JAMES  
MAC (SW) STEVEN REEDY*



## DECOMMISSIONING CREW OF USS RENTZ (FFG 46)

DC2 KEVIN ALEXANDER  
IT3 DARIEL ALICEA  
CSSN KEVIN ALMEIDA  
LS2 NELANTHONY ANDAYA  
QM3 DYLAN ANDREWS  
OS1 ANGEL AQUINO  
IT1 CHRISTIAN AQUINO  
IC1 MATTHEW ARNOLD  
BM2 JEROME CHRISTOPHER ARRIOLA  
PS3 JONATHAN ASAMOAH  
BM3 JOSE AVILAMUNOZ  
OSC WAYNE BABAUTA  
LS2 JOHN BAJAROSABADO  
OS2 MATTHEW BARNES  
STG3 JORDAN BECKLEY  
CS2 RICKY BEMIS  
SA DARREL BENBROOK  
STG2 BRYAN BENITEZRUGAMA  
LS1 DARRYL BENSON  
HM3 CALVYN BOSCH  
BM2 ROBERT BROWN  
ET2 RYAN BURNS  
OS3 FREEMAN BURRELL  
SA FRANCIS CABRAL  
BM3 THOMAS CAIRNS  
SH3 QUATORIUS CARR  
HT1 HENRY CASAREZ  
LS3 ANTONIO CHACON  
GSM2 YUE CHANG  
SR JOHN CHATTERTON  
EN3 TYLER CLEMENT  
CTT2 JOEL COAKES  
DC3 MARKANTHONY CORTEZ  
STG2 JONAH CULVER  
NC1 JOHN DAVIS  
PS1 MANUEL DELGADO  
QM2 BRENT DERINGER  
LS1 ERWIN DIMALANTA  
GM3 NICHOLAS DREW  
GM2 MATHEW DUNCAN  
ET2 THOMAS EHLE  
BM1 WILLIE ELLERBE  
EM1 JOSEPH ESTRELLA  
LS2 KENNETH FIELDS  
MM2 DEON FRANKLIN  
ET2 KANNON FRAZELL  
STG3 ALEXANDER FROMENT  
CS3 LAWRENCE GACAD  
IT2 GILBERT GANAS  
GSM1 FRANCIS GENILO  
OS2 ZACHARY GIBSON  
OSSN BRANDON GOANS  
STG2 DAVID GOETZ  
ENFA JOSE GOMEZ  
QM1 JEREMY GOWIN  
IT2 VICTOR HAHN  
IT1 AARON HENRY  
CTT3 JAMES HENSLEY  
LSSN NORRIK HODGE  
OS2 JOSHUA HOOK  
BM3 ROBERT IACCARINO  
EN3 DOMINGO ILIO  
SN JEFFERY JACKSON  
CS2 RUEL JACOB  
YN2 BRADEN JARRETT  
QM3 DEMETRIUOS JENKINS

HT3 RORY JOHNSON  
GSE2 BRANDON JOHNWELL  
BMSN CARTISE JONES  
FC1 DANIEL JUDY  
SHSN RAUL JURAN  
IC1 RANDOLPH KACZOR  
SH3 GUILLAUME KANH  
BMSR MARCUS KELLEY  
HT3 GREGORY KELLY  
SR ALEC LABRADA  
ITSA JOSHUA LAMP  
CS1 JAYME LONOKAPU  
CTT1 CHRISTOPHER LOVE  
EN2 PATRICK LOWE  
OS3 JUAN LOZANO  
ENFA ANDY LUONG  
GSE2 RICARDO LUPERCIO  
GM2 MICHAEL MALTESE  
GM1 MARC MARASEK  
MM1 JOSHUA MARK  
BM1 CHARLES MARTIN  
ET2 NICHOLAS MAYNARD  
OS2 ROYCE MCGEE  
GSM3 EDWARD MITCHELL  
ET3 WESLEY MORGAN  
ET3 NICHOLAS MUDDIMAN  
SN JACOB MURPHY  
EN3 TRAVIE NGUYEN  
IC3 THOMAS OLSON  
FC2 DEANGELO ONEY  
CTTSN CHRISTOPHER PAPROCKI  
SR ARTHUR PIGG  
QMSA NATHAN PILKINGTON  
SH1 JUAN QUINTAL  
SA FRANCISCO RAMIREZ  
EN2 RICHARD RAMIREZ  
CSSN CARMELO RAMOS  
OSSA MICHAEL RANCE  
EM2 COLTEN REDFEARN  
GM3 JOHN RENTZ  
LS3 LESLIE ROBERTS  
OSSA BENJAMIN RODRIGUEZ  
ENFA CYRIL ROLSTON  
GSM2 BRUCE SALAZAR  
OS3 WILLIAM SELF  
ET2 RICKIE SHINKLE  
IT3 TIMOTHY SIMS  
SN ANASTACIO SISNEROS  
SA BRIAN SMITH  
DC3 ESTEBAN SOLIS  
GSE2 RALPH SOTELO  
FN BRIAN TACONY  
BMSN BRANDON JAMES TEAGUE  
FC3 TIMOTHY TEEPLES  
FC2 ALEXANDER THOMAS  
OS3 CHRISTOPHER THOMAS  
ET1 TRAVIS TIES  
ET3 JOSIP TOMAS  
PS3 RODNEY VANG  
OS2 GARY VIATOR  
OS2 RUBEN WARD  
QMSN KENNY WELCH  
FC2 ROSS WOODY  
IT3 DUSTIN YOUNG  
OS3 JORDAN ZIMMER  
ET3 ZACHARY ZIMMERMAN